

SYNCHRONIZING THE HOLY BIBLE (KJV) and JASHER

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Nimrod and Abram, Part 2

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Introduction: Where the Dead Sea Scrolls are the same as the Bible, I have used the Dead Sea Scrolls for this story. The Bible version, of course, you can read from the Bible. My comments are in brackets. The Holy Bible will be in black normal writing when **not** in the scrolls and the scrolls will be in Italics. Mine are in ().

Gen. 11:27-32 Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees.

And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah. But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran and dwelt there. (Haran died in a sacrificial fire by Nimrod before they left Ur. One of the stories I have left out of the summary story.)

Gen. 12 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan, and into the land of Canaan they came.

Jasher 13 *...the people of Haran saw that Abram was good and upright with God and men, and that the Lord God was with him, and some of the people of the land of Haran came and joined Abram, and he taught them the instruction of the Lord and his ways; and these men remained with Abram in his house and they stayed with him.*

Abram remained in the land three years, and at the end of three years the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him; I am the Lord who brought you forth from Ur Casdim, and delivered you from the hands of all your enemies.

If you heed my voice, keep my commandment, statutes and laws, I will cause your enemies to fall before thee, and I will multiply your seed like the stars of heaven, and I will send my blessing upon all the works of thy hands, and you shall lack nothing.

Arise now and take your wife and all those belonging to you and go to the land of Canaan and remain there, and I will be to you as your God, and I will bless thee.

Abram rose and did as God had commanded. He went to the land of Canaan as the Lord had told him to. Abram was 55 years old when he left Haran. Abram arrived in Canaan and dwelt in the midst of the city. He pitched his tents among the children of Canaan, inhabitants of the land.

The Lord appeared unto Abram and said to him, "This is the land which I have given to you and to your seed forever, and I will make your seed like the stars of heaven, and I will give to your seed for an inheritance all the lands that you see."

And Abram built an altar in the place where God had spoken to him, and Abram there called upon the name of the Lord.

After Abram had lived in Canaan for three years, Noah died; he lived 950 years. Abram was now 58 years old. Abram and all that belonged to him remained in Canaan while Lot and Terah continued living in Haran. (Lot joined him later.)

(At this time the first battle of Sodom and Gomorrah took place, not the one that involved Lot. That battle came later. This battle involved Chedorlaomer who was charging huge taxes on the cities of the plains.)

Nimrod king of Shinar and Chedorlaomer king of Elam were at war. Nimrod came to the cities of the plains to subdue Chedorlaomer. Chedorlaomer was at that time a prince of the hosts of Nimrod. When all the people at the tower were dispersed and all those that remained in the town, Chedorlaomer went to the land of Elam and reigned and rebelled against Nimrod.

When Nimrod realized that the cities of the plains were rebelling against him and that Chedorlaomer was their king, he grew angry and went to war against him. Nimrod and Chedorlaomer met at Babel to fight it out. Babel was between Elam and Shinar. The kings of the plains won the battle. Nimrod fled, returning in shame and disgrace to his land, and he was now under subjection to Chedorlaomer for a long time. Chedorlaomer made a covenant with the other kings of the plains and they all were obedient to his commands.

In Abram's seventieth year the Lord again appeared to Abram. He said, "...walk before me and be perfect and keep my commands, for to you and your seed I will give this land for an inheritance, from the river Mizraim unto the great river Euphrates. You shall come to your fathers in peace and in good age, and the fourth generation shall return here in this land and shall inherit it forever." Abram build an altar and he called upon the name of the Lord who appeared to him, and he brought up sacrifices upon the altar to the Lord.

At that time Abram returned and went to Haran to see his father and mother, and his father's household, and Abram and his wife and all belonging to him returned to Haran, about seventy-two men, followed Abram and Abram continued to teach them the instruction of the Lord and his ways, and he taught them to know the Lord.

At the age of 75 the Lord once again appeared to Abram and said, "...arise, go forth from this place, you, your wife and all belonging to you, also everyone born in your house, and all the souls which they had made in Haran, and bring them out with you from here and return to the land of Canaan."

Abram went and returned to the land of Canaan according to the word of the Lord to him, and he pitched his tent and dwelt in the plain of Mamre. Lot, his brother's son also accompanied him, bringing all that belonged to him.

The Lord appeared to Abram again and said, "To your seed will I give this land. Abram build an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him, which is still to this day in the plains of Mamre.

Jasher 14 - The First Dynasty of the Pharaohs

In those days there was in the land of Shinar a wise man who had understanding in all wisdom, and he was handsome to look at, but he was poor and without substance. His name was Rikayon, and he was determined to support himself.

He decided to go to Egypt, to Oswiris the son of Anom king of Egypt, to show the king his wisdom; for he hoped to find grace in his sight to raise him up and give him maintenance; and Rikayon did so.

However, upon arriving in Egypt he learned from the people that he could not go to the king to see him. There was only one day per year that he appeared in public and listened to those wanting to talk to him. He held court on that day.

He wondered and planned how to support himself with food and lodging until that day arrived. He tried buying and selling vegetables, but he ended up being ridiculed by the people, only earning back what he had spent.

One night he finally devised a scheme to make money! He hired thirty men of the rabble and promised them great riches if they would work with him and help him with his scheme. He had them take their weapons of war to the top of a great monument in the middle of a graveyard and said, "Thus says your king, 'Strengthen yourselves and be valiant men. Let no man or woman be buried here without paying two hundred pieces of silver; then they may be buried.'"

Those men did as Rikayon ordered and were soon gathering in great riches of silver and gold. They did this for one full year. Rikayon took a great quantity of horses and other animals, and he hired more men, and he gave them horses and they remained with him. When the year finally came around, the time when the king would come forth into the town, all the inhabitants of Egypt gathered together to speak to him concerning the work of Rikayon and his men,

The king went forth on the appointed day, and all the Egyptians came before him and cried unto him saying, "May the king live forever. What is this thing you are doing in this town to your servants, not to allow a dead body to be buried until so much silver and gold be given? Was there ever like unto this done in the whole earth, from the days of former kings, even from the days of Adam, unto this day, that the dead should not be buried only for a set price? We know it to be the custom of kings to take a yearly tax from the living, but you not only do this, but from the dead you are exacting a tax day by day. Now, O king, we can no more bear this, for the whole city is ruined on this account and do you not know it?"

When the king heard all that they had to say, he was very angry. His anger burned within him at this affair; he had known nothing about it!

The king said, "Who and where is he that dares to do this wicked thing in my land without my command? Surely you will tell me."

They told him of all the works of Rikayon and his men and demanded that they be brought before him.

Rikayon took about one thousand sons and daughters and clothed them in silk and embroidery, and he set them upon horses and sent them to the king by means of his men, and he also took a great quantity of silver and gold and precious stones and a strong and beautiful horse, as a present for the king, with which he came before the king and bowed down to the earth before him; and the king, his servants and all the inhabitants of Egypt wondered at the work of Rikayon, and they saw his riches and the present he had brought to the king.

It greatly pleased the king and he wondered at it; and when Rikayon sat before him the king asked him concerning all his works, and Rikayon spoke all his words wisely before the king, his servants and all the inhabitants of Egypt.

When the king heard the words of Rikayon and his wisdom, Rikayon found grace in his sight, and he met with grace and kindness from all the servants of the king and from all the inhabitants of Egypt, on account of his wisdom and excellent speeches, and from that day he loved them exceedingly.

The king said to Rikayon, "Thy name shall no more be called Rikayon but Pharaoh shall be thy name, since thou didst exact a tax from the dead."

The king and the people of Egypt loved him for his wisdom, and they consulted with all the inhabitants of Egypt to make him prefect under the king. Egypt's wise men did so, and it was made law in Egypt.

Rikayon Pharaoh was made prefect under Oswiris king of Egypt. He daily administered justice to the whole city, but Oswiris the king would continue to judge the people one day in the year, when he went out to make his appearance.

Egyptian Dynasty Begins

*Rikayon Pharaoh cunningly usurped the government of Egypt, and he exacted a tax from all the inhabitants of Egypt. The inhabitants of Egypt greatly loved Rikayon Pharaoh, and they made a decree to call every king of Egypt that should reign over them and their seed in the future in Egypt, Pharaoh. Therefore all the kings of Egypt that reigned there from that time forward were called Pharaoh unto this day. **First dynasty!?***

Genesis 12:6-13:18

Jasher 15 *That same year there was a heavy famine throughout the land of Canaan and the inhabitants of the land could not remain on account of the famine for it was very grievous.*

Abram and all belonging to him rose and went down to Egypt on account of the famine, and when they were at the brook of Mitzraim they remained there some time to rest from the fatigue of the road.

Abram and Sarai were walking at the border of the brook Mitzraim, and Abram beheld his wife Sarai that she was very beautiful. And Abram said to Sarai, "Since God has created you with such a beautiful countenance, I am afraid of the Egyptians lest they should slay me and take you away, for the fear of God is not in these places. Surely then you shall say this, "You are my sister to all that ask you, in order that it may be well with me, and that we may live and not be put to death." Abram commanded the same to all those that came with him to Egypt on account of the famine; also his nephew Lot he commanded saying, 'If the Egyptians ask you concerning Sarai say she is the sister of Abram.

Yet with all these orders Abram did not put confidence in them, but he took Sarai and placed her in a chest and concealed it amongst their vessels, for Abram was greatly concerned about Sarai on account of the wickedness of the Egyptians. Then Abram and all belonging to him rose up from the brook Mitzraim and came to Egypt; and they had scarcely entered the gates of the city when the guards stood up to them saying, Give tithe to the king from what you have, and then you may come into the town; and Abram and those that were with him did so.

When they came to Egypt Sarai was still concealed in the chest and the Egyptians saw the chest. The king's servants approached Abram, saying, "What do you have in this chest that you are concealing from us? Open up this chest and give tithe to the king of all that it contains.

Abram said, "This chest I will not open, but all you demand upon it I will give."

Pharaoh's officers answered Abram, "It is a chest of stones, give us the tenth thereof."

Abram said, "All that you desire I will give, but you must not open the chest."

The king's officers pressed Abram, and they reached the chest and opened it with force and they saw that a beautiful woman was in the chest. When the officers saw Sarai, they were struck with admiration at her beauty, and all the princes and servants of Pharaoh assembled to see Sarai, for she was very beautiful.

The king's officers ran and told Pharaoh all that they had seen, and they praised Sarai to the king. Pharaoh ordered her to be brought, and the woman came before the king.

Pharaoh beheld Sarai and she pleased him exceedingly; he was struck with her beauty, and the king rejoiced greatly on her account and made presents to those who brought him the tidings of her. The woman was brought to Pharaoh's house.

Abram grieved on account of his wife, and he prayed to the Lord to deliver her from the hands of Pharaoh. Sarai also prayed at that time and said, "...we came to this land to avoid the famine, and this evil accident has befallen me; now therefore, O Lord God, deliver us and save us from the hand of this oppressor, and do well with me for the sake of thy mercy."

And the Lord hearkened to the voice of Sarai, and the Lord God sent an angel to deliver Sarai from the power of Pharaoh.

And the king came and sat before Sarai and behold an angel if the Lord was standing over them, and he appeared to Sarai and said to her, "Do not fear, for the Lord has heard thy prayer."

And the king approached Sarai and said to her, "What is that man to you who brought you here?"

And she said, "He is my brother."

And the king said, "It is incumbent upon us to make him great, to elevate him and to do unto him all the good which you command us."

Then the king sent to Abram silver and gold and precious stones in abundance, together with cattle, men servants and maid servants; and the king ordered Abram to be brought, and he sat in the court of the king's house, and the king greatly exalted Abram that night.

The king approached to speak to Sarai, and he reached out his hand to touch her, when the angel smote him heavily, and he was terrified and refrained from reaching to her. When the king came near to Sarai, the angel smote him to the ground and acted the same to him the whole night, and the king was terrified.

And the angel on that night smote heavily all the servants of the king, and his whole household, on account of Sarai, and there was a great lamentation that night amongst the people of Pharaoh's people.

Pharaoh realized that it was on account of Sarai that all the evil was happening, so he removed himself some distance from her and spoke pleasing words to her.

He said to Sarai, "Tell me about the man you came to Egypt with;" and Sarai said, "This man is my husband, and I said to you that he was my brother for I was afraid that you might kill him through wickedness."

The king kept away from Sarai, and the plagues of the angel of the Lord ceased from him and his household.

Pharaoh knew that he was smitten on account of Sarai, and the king was greatly astonished at this! In the morning the king called for Abram and said to him, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you say she was your sister, owing which I took here unto me as a wife, and this heavy plague came upon me and my household. Now therefore here is your wife, take her and go from our land lest we all die on her account."

And Pharaoh took more cattle, men servants and maid servants, silver and gold, to give to Abram, and he returned unto him Sarai his wife. The king took a maiden whom he begat by his one of his concubines, and he gave her to Sarai for a handmaid.

The king said to his daughter, "It is better for you my daughter to be a handmaid in this man's house than to be mistress in my house, after we have beheld the evil that befell us on account of this woman.

And Abram rose, he and all those belonging to him and left Egypt. He returned to the land of Canaan where he had first pitched his tent. Pharaoh ordered some of his men to accompany him and all that went with him.

Meanwhile, Lot the son of Haran, Abram's brother, had raised a heavy stock of cattle, flocks, herds and tents. Since Abraham had returned with so many cattle, the herdsmen were fighting over the wells. There was not room enough for both to dwell there in that same place.

Abram quaralled daily with Lot who was allowing his cattle to roam on property belonging to other people. He considered that Lot was being a stumbling block for him getting along with the neighbours.

He finally talked to Lot about it seriously. He told Lot to pick where he wanted to have herds and flocks and he would go in the opposite direction.

Lot looked down into the luxurious valley of the Dead Sea and chose to go there. Lot left Abram and took all those belonging to him and pitched his tent in Sodom, and in that way they were separated.

Abram dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and he pitched his tent there, and Abram remained in that place for many years.

NOTE: Part 3 will continue in the next article.

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